

If this petition is granted, this would mean that the large phone companies would no longer be subject to regulatory review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs. As a result, my independant service provider would have to individually negotiate pricing and the ability to interconnect, which would undoubtedly raise there prices, and mine in the long term.

The more serious threat is that it is even possible that the phone companies could, in the long run, refuse to provide the necessary connections for DSL service, and The independant service providers would be unable to sell DSL at all.